

1 SUPERIOR COURT
2 COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO
247 West Third Street, Eleventh Floor
3 San Bernardino, CA 92415-0302
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5 **IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA**
6 **FOR THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO**
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8 IN RE:

9 GENERAL ORDER WAIVING
10 LIMITATIONS FOR TEMPORARY
11 JUDGES IN FAMILY LAW, PROBATE,
12 UNLAWFUL DETAINER, SMALL CLAIMS,
13 AND TRAFFIC CASES

AMENDED GENERAL ORDER
#G024-28

GENERAL ORDER OF THE
PRESIDING JUDGE

14 The County of San Bernardino is geographically large and diverse. The Superior
15 Court of San Bernardino County operates numerous courthouses, many of which serve
16 geographically distant and relatively small populations.

17 The Superior Court of San Bernardino County is and historically has been
18 understaffed as to judicial officers. The Court currently has one of the highest
19 caseloads per judge ratio in the state.

20 In order to deal with its ever-increasing caseload and to serve the public, the
21 Superior Court has historically heavily relied on attorneys serving as temporary judges.
22 This is especially true in volume calendars such as probate, family law, unlawful
23 detainers, small claims and traffic.

24 The limitations of California Rules of Court, rule 2.818(b) would place undue
25 hardship on the court's ability to recruit sufficient numbers of temporary judges to
26 adequately serve the public.

27 Based on the above, the Court finds there is good cause to waive the limitations
28 in Rule 2.818(b)(1)-(3). This waiver applies to all matters heard by temporary judges in

1 San Bernardino County. The waiver under Rule 2.818(b)(1) is conditional. An attorney
2 appointed as a temporary judge may only appear as an attorney or as a party on the
3 same day in the same courthouse if the attorney's temporary judge assignment has
4 concluded for that day.

5 This waiver is subject to the other grounds for limitation or disqualification as set
6 forth in the California Code of Judicial Ethics, California Rules of Court, rule 2.818(c)(2),
7 and California Code of Civil Procedure sections 170.1 *et seq.*

8 This Order is effective April 19, 2024, and supersedes all previous general
9 orders entitled *General Order Waiving Limitations for Temporary Judges in Family Law,*
10 *Probate, Unlawful Detainer, Small Claims, and Traffic Cases,* issued by previous
11 Presiding Judges. This order shall remain in effect until December 31, 2025.

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13 Dated this 19th day of April, 2024



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16 Lisa M. Rogan
17 Presiding Judge of the Superior Court
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